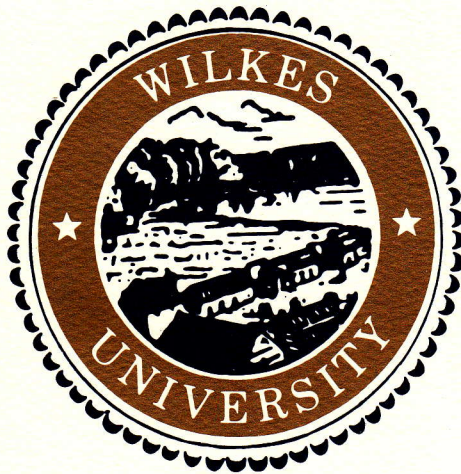


WILKES UNIVERSITY

*Winter Commencement
for the
Conferring of Degrees*



Bridge to the future

*Thursday
January 16, 1997
11:15 a.m.*

*The Edward Darling Jr. Theatre
in the
Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts*

*Wilkes University
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania*

HONORARY DEGREES

DOCTOR OF SCIENCE DONALD EDWARD BURKE

*When we celebrate
the success of
Harris... we
are really
celebrate*

Native of Canada where he earned the BS degree in Electrical Engineering in 1954 from the Technical University of Nova Scotia, Donald Burke began his career with Canadian General Electric specializing in electronic power conversion systems. Recruited in 1963 by our late Wilkes trustee, Roy Pollack, for the new RCA plant in Mountaintop, Pennsylvania as Application Engineering Leader for Thyristors and Rectifiers, Don Burke began a career in which his leadership of the product design engineers at Mountaintop contributed decisively to the competitiveness of their transistors for power systems that has helped keep this plant, now owned by Harris Semiconductor, a world leader in the field of power electronics. Presently that plant is expanding dramatically with products designed by engineers hired and guided by Don Burke, many of them engineering graduates of Wilkes University. Power MOS devices are now the basis of all transistor production at Harris's Mountaintop facilities and are critical components in power systems used in everything from naval ships, to automobiles, to aircraft, to home appliances, to the Space Station. Don Burke has made a major contribution to the success of a critical high technology industry, of a key company in that industry, and of a region whose economic future will be powerfully influenced by this company, with the help and creativity of his Wilkes engineers.

DOCTOR OF SCIENCE GEORGE F. RALSTON

Son of Harrisonburg, Virginia and schoolboy in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; graduate of the University of North Carolina, where he played football and earned a BA in Biology with honors in 1940, with later graduate work at Harvard and Columbia Universities, four years a soldier in the U.S. Army during World War II, entering a private in 1942, leaving with the rank of Major in 1946. George Ralston returned to the Wyoming Valley where before the war he had taught and coached at Forty Fort High School. Hired by President Eugene Farley to teach at Bucknell University Junior College, soon to be Wilkes College, George Ralston began a fifty-year career (still in progress) of love and service to this institution, serving as biology teacher, football, basketball and baseball coach, Director of Athletics, Dean of Men, Dean of Women and, finally, Dean of Student Affairs. A role model for other student affairs professionals, his dedication to the nurturing of students was complete. Meeting them as equals, by his preaching and his example he expressed faith in the eventual worth of his students as responsible, caring moral adults. Tireless, buoyant, a gentleman and a gentle man, Dean Ralston as much as any individual set the moral tone for Wilkes College. In retirement, he became Dean of Student Affairs Emeritus and Special Assistant for Alumni Affairs, serving both the institution to which and the graduates to whom he has dedicated his life.

Order of Exercises

*FANFARE *Henry Purcell*

*PROCESSIONAL *Rondeau
Jean Joseph Mouret*

WELCOME *J. Michael Lennon
Vice President for Academic Affairs*

*INVOCATION *Reverend Robert Zanicky
Pastor, First Presbyterian Church*

*AMERICA, THE BEAUTIFUL *Words by Katherine Lee Bates
Music by Samuel A. Ward*

GREETINGS *Eugene Roth '57
Chairman, Board of Trustees*

CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREES *Christopher N. Breiseth
President*

ADDRESS *Thomas J. Baldino
Professor and Chair, Department of Political Science
Carpenter Award for Outstanding Teaching Recipient, 1995-1996*

CONFERRING OF THE DEGREES *Christopher N. Breiseth*

*ALMA MATER *Eleanor C. Farley*

*BENEDICTION *Rabbi James Michaels
Spiritual Leader, Temple Israel*

*RECESSIONAL *Trumpet Voluntary
Jeremiah Clarke*

**The audience is requested to rise.*

- A river flows thro
W. Univ.
- During our time at WU
bridges have been
built for + by us
- examples of faculty
- There are the prof
that helped me
build my bridge
- she is our bridge
to indept succ
- but let us rem
that... comp
the photograh
we will see
- whether we
ask bealy how
we will excel
+ will go

we are here
to celeb the inv. u have made in Urself
- we have more + more that 1 person can make diff.
- Your communiti would need your v. best

MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Master of Business Administration Degree

^{1,4} *Kimberly A. Escarge*
⁴ *Stanley J. L. Garbacik*
Alan Stephen Katz
Deborah Lee Kennedy
⁴ *Gary J. Kostrobala*
⁴ *John Edward Ohlsen*

Master of Health Administration Degree

** James Jay Landon*

Master of Science Degree with a major in Nursing

¹⁰ *Karen Ann Frances Cominsky*
¹⁰ *Lynne Lacey Crandall*
¹⁰ *Patricia A. Jacques*
¹⁰ *Christine Marie Shimp*
¹⁰ *Michael J. Yateshin*

Master of Science Degree with a major in Physics

Joseph A. Yedinak

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

School of Business, Society and Public Policy

Summa Cum Laude

*^{3,4} Terence A. Watkins, *Business Administration*

Magna Cum Laude

Angelica M. Mascia, *Accounting*

Cum Laude

* Amy B. Llewellyn, *Business Administration*
Sharon Rasimas Murray, *Business Administration*

* Barbara J. Adams, *Business Administration*
Felicia Marie Andrejack, *Sociology*
Louis E. Atkinson, Jr., *Sociology*
Deborah Ann Borusiewicz, *Business Administration*
Jason Carabetta, *Business Administration*
Kevin Caskey, *Business Administration*
Mark J. Dechman, *Business Administration*
Robyn McLain Dixon, *International Studies*
Mark B. Evans, *Political Science*
Maria Lynn Feszchak, *Business Administration*
* Dominic P. Fino, Jr., *Business Administration*
Jason D. Gratz, *Business Administration*
Theodore William Gruszka, *Business Administration*
Marc P. Jackett, *Business Administration*
³ Joyce E. Kane, *Sociology*
John Michael Krulack, *Sociology*
Michael Kobie LaMura, *Business Administration*
* Constance Libassi, *Business Administration*
* Lynn Marie Lubinski, *Business Administration*
Ellen Rosanne Mancini, *Sociology*
Holly Marie Montigney, *Sociology*
* Benjamin Edson O'Connell, *Business Administration*
Vincent Michael Petroziello, *Accounting*
Charles William Price, *Business Administration*
Deanna Leigh Rapp, *Business Administration*
Paul F. Ricko, *Business Administration*
Matthew J. Rodarmel, *Political Science*
Thomas Joseph Scannella, *Accounting*
* Donald J. Sparks, *Business Administration*
Raymond W. Talipski, *Business Administration*
^{1,2,3} Linda Lee Tirpak, *Sociology*
John J. Topa, *Business Administration*
Timothy E. Wolsieffer, *Accounting*
Aaron Robert Wurster, *Political Science*
Emily S. Zaffino, *Political Science*

*Degree in absentia

¹Alpha Chi

²Alpha Kappa Delta

³Alpha Sigma Lambda

⁴Delta Mu Delta

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

School of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

Summa Cum Laude

⁸ Deanne Generose, Psychology

Magna Cum Laude

⁶ Kalen Mary Ann Churcher, Communications

⁷ Melissa C. Bernhard, Psychology
Elementary Education, Second Major

⁷ Caryn Rachel Birnbaum, Psychology
Elementary Education, Second Major

* Abigail Breiseth, Art

⁷ Scott David Brown, Bachelor of Music

* Paul Matthew Chimock, Communications

*⁸ Susan Crawford, Psychology

Patricia S. Daquino, Psychology

⁷ Mariah Ellen Dembesky, Psychology
Elementary Education, Second Major

Michele Patience Fine, Psychology
Sociology, Second Major

⁷ Andrea Marie Flippines, Psychology
Elementary Education, Double Degrees

* Robert J. Gonzalez, Psychology

Gerald N. Grube, Jr., Psychology

Melody A. Janosky, Psychology

Kristine Kaeb, History

Lisa M. Kuna, Psychology

Anthony Mazzarella, History

Pamela J. McDonald, Psychology
Sociology, Second Major

Daniel D. Morrell, Psychology

John P. Pioppi, Psychology

Ronald Richard Robert Romanoski, Jr., Psychology

* Matthew D. Rosenberg, Psychology

⁶ Steven D. Roth, Communications

Kathleen M. Schmucker, Communications
Political Science, Second Major

Robert Thomas Warhola, Psychology

Melissa Zingaretti, Communications

*Degree in absentia

⁷ Candidates for Pennsylvania Teacher Certification

⁶Lambda Pi Eta

⁸ Psi Chi

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

School of Science and Engineering

Magna Cum Laude

**^{5,9} Brian Michael Smith, Environmental Engineering*

Clayton Earl Bubeck, Environmental Engineering

Mark Christopher Derienzo, Electrical Engineering

Daro John Hyder, Electrical Engineering

Patrick William Neenan, Earth and Environmental Sciences

Betsy Anne Rozanski, Earth and Environmental Sciences

** Ernest D. Scaran III, Earth and Environmental Sciences*

⁷ Lynn D. Stutzman, Biology

John Paul Tondora, Biology

James M. Wall, Electrical Engineering

Shirley Lee Warren, Computer Information Systems

**Degree in absentia*

⁷ Candidates for Pennsylvania Teacher Certification

⁵ Honors in Engineering

⁹ Sigma Pi Sigma

Scholarly Societies

- ¹ *Denotes Membership in Alpha Chi, the National College Honor Scholarship Society.*
- ² *Denotes Membership in Alpha Kappa Delta, the International Honorary Society in Sociology.*
- ³ *Denotes Membership in the Eta Pi Chapter of Alpha Sigma Lambda, the honor society recognizing the academic excellence of adult part-time students.*
- ⁴ *Denotes Membership in the Zeta Psi Chapter of Delta Mu Delta, the National Honor Society in Business Administration.*
- ⁵ *Denotes Honors in Engineering.*
- ⁶ *Denotes Membership in Lambda Pi ETA, the National Honorary Society in Communications.*
- ⁷ *Denotes Candidates for Pennsylvania Teacher Certification.*
- ⁸ *Denotes Membership in Psi Chi, the National Honorary Society in Psychology.*
- ⁹ *Denotes Membership in Sigma Pi Sigma, the National Honorary Society of Physics students.*
- ¹⁰ *Denotes Membership in the Zeta Psi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, the International Honor Society for Nursing.*
- * *Degree in absentia.*

Honor cords signify membership in a scholarly society.

The University Mace and Presidential Chain of Office

The mace and the presidential chain of office used in academic celebrations represent traditions dating to the sixteenth century. The mace symbolizes the authority of the university and the chain of office designates the presidential leadership of the academy.

The Wilkes University mace and presidential chain of office were gifts of local donors and were first used in 1970 at the inauguration of the second president of Wilkes. They were designed by Ottie Hill Chwalek '61 and executed by Kurt Matzdorf, a nationally recognized gold and silversmith from the State University of New York at New Paltz.

The University Mace

The sterling silver mace has a gilt knob at its base and a gilt circle at the top bearing the inscription "Wilkes College 1933." The bowl, rising above the neck of the mace, signifies Wilkes-Barre's role as a melting pot, forming a new and vigorous community of people from many different backgrounds. This theme is reiterated in the inscription of the University's motto "Unity Amidst Diversity" which surrounds the upper part of the bowl. The gilt flame symbolizes the enlightenment gained from higher education, while the piece of anthracite coal set in the center of the flame commemorates the origin of the University in a community known for its coal mining past.

The Presidential Chain of Office

The Presidential Chain of Office, created from sterling silver, has alternating bowls and gilt flames, repeating the motif of the mace. On the front of the four-foot chain hangs a gilt seal of Wilkes which is suspended from a cluster of oak leaves with acorns, suggesting the strength and sturdiness of future generations. On the back of the Presidential Chain of Office is a silver portrait of Dr. Eugene S. Farley, the first President of Wilkes. Dr. Farley's portrait is surrounded by gilt oak leaves commemorating his strong leadership of the emerging institution.

AMERICA, THE BEAUTIFUL

*O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain.
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.*

*O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years,
Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears.
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.*

Words by Katherine Lee Bates

Music by Samuel A. Ward

ALMA MATER

*Wilkes, our Alma Mater,
We pledge our hearts to thee,
Honor, faith, and courage,
Truth and loyalty,
In our work and in our pleasure,
Guide us as a friend;
We shall always love thee,
Loyal to the end.
Thou shalt lead us onward
In search of finer things.
May we find the wisdom
That thy spirit brings.
May our deeds of love and service
Ever swell thy fame —
Wilkes, we stand to greet thee!
Glory to thy name.*

Words and Music by Eleanor C. Farley

*A reception for graduates and their families will be held
immediately following the ceremony.*

*Members of the Wilkes University Brass Ensemble, under the direction of
Jerome W. Campbell, are performing for this morning's Commencement celebration.*